REMARKS

Preliminary to a first examination, Applicants respectfully seek to amend the specification to correct the summary descriptions provides for Figs. 1 and 2 and to correct non-substantive formatting and typographical errors present in certain claims. Applicants respectfully submit that new matter has been added, and Applicants further submit that the amendments to the claims are in no way intended to change the breadth or scope of said claims in any way. In regard to the claims, it is Applicants explicit intent that the claims retain the full breadth and scope of the claims as originally filed, and these amendments should in no way be construed as disclaiming any subject matter pertaining to the claimed invention and its equivalents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions that would expedite the prosecution of the present case to allowance, Applicants' undersigned representative earnestly requests a telephone conference at (206) 332-1394.

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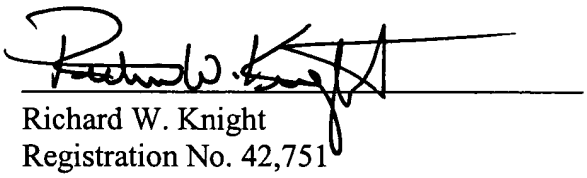

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